

THE RUTHERFORD Report

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Supervisor Janice Rutherford, Congressman Jerry Lewis, and Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt visited Molycorp's Mountain Pass Mine on April 20, 2011.

*"Justice in her very essence is
all strength and activity; and
hath a sword put into her
hand, to use against all
violence and oppression on
earth."*

—John Milton

Mojave Desert Scene of New "Gold Rush"

San Bernardino County's Mojave Desert is the frontier in a new "gold rush," but the minerals that folks are mining from the desert landscape aren't used to make beautiful jewelry. They're the key components in many consumer products such as smart phones, laptops, rechargeable batteries, as well as important aspects of our national defense.

Molycorp re-opened its rare earths mining operations in Mountain Pass—that last steep grade you climb before

seeing the Nevada state line on I-15—in December and last month held a ground breaking ceremony for a state-of-the-art processing facility at the site.

On April 20, Congressman Jerry Lewis, Assemblyman Mike Morrell, Assemblyman Paul Cook, Assemblywoman Norma Torres, First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, and I toured the mine, which is expected to produce about 20,000 metric tons of rare earth elements by the end of

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Justice Lost in Government Budget Debate

Earlier this month, U.S. Special Forces delivered a measure of justice for the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States by killing Osama bin Laden. Nearly a decade after the terrorist attacks and cowardly murder of more than 3,000 civilians, bin Laden's death strikes a chord because as human beings we all desire justice. We abhor murder, but there is part of us that recognizes the necessity and righteousness of killing a man intent on killing us.

That sense of setting things right is what we mean by justice, and we recognize it when we see it and we keenly feel its absence in other cases. We intuitively begin teaching children the concepts of justice when they are

quite young: break a rule and there are consequences. As we get older, the consequences become more serious and expand from our parents' grasp to society's.

There are philosophical and theological debates about earthly and eternal justice, as well as the roles of repentance and forgiveness. But for most of us on daily basis, the concept is simple: when you do wrong, there is a price to pay, and that price should be commensurate with wrong. We would like that price to be paid swiftly, but recognize that often—as in the case of bin Laden—it is not. We would like the price to be sufficient that the wrongdoer is constrained—even if not morally convinced—from doing wrong again.

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Hundreds Volunteer to Lend a Helping Hand

Hundreds of San Bernardino County residents who volunteered to clean up and beautify local schools and parks during Mormon Helping Hands Day on April 30 deserve a big thank you for their hard work and service to our community.

I had the honor of visiting members of two groups who participated in this "Day of Service" initiated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The group I visited in Upland worked at 14 different school sites in the city. Their work included planting flowers, cleaning windows, and washing busses. I also joined a crew in Crestline as they cleaned up around the historic San Moritz Lodge located on the shore of Lake Gregory.

Unfortunately, strong winds created hazardous conditions and prevented another group in Fontana from working on the Pacific Electric Trail.

Meanwhile, the Rancho Cucamonga LDS Stake is seeking volunteers to help with the Route 66 Community Garden

Project over the course of several weeks. You can contact Scott Stratford at (909) 948-8470 for more information.

I really appreciate the efforts these individuals made to improve our communities. In these tough budget times, everyday things like planting new flowers and basic maintenance often get overlooked by public agencies. This type of service allows the community to benefit and gives young people, in particular, the opportunity to grow through their service to the public.

Mormon Helping Hands Day began in 1998 when church leaders in South

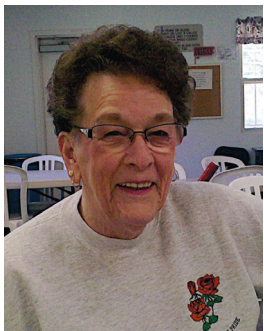
America created a national day

of service. The idea was quickly adopted by other LDS churches around the world.

While Mormon Helping Hands Day was initiated by the LDS church, anyone—regardless of their faith—is welcome to join in this day of community service.



Longtime Lytle Creek Resident Continues Giving at Community Center



Treva Phelan moved to the hamlet of Lytle Creek in 1958 when her husband, Gordon, accepted a position as a U.S. Forest Service Fire Prevention Specialist at the community's ranger station.

At the time, Lytle Creek was even more isolated than it is today, yet the area attracted families who

enjoyed the solitude of a community snuggled between canyon walls in the San Gabriel Mountains.

Treva wanted to get to know her new neighbors and community, and she knew she wasn't going to do that keeping house and watching kids all day long, so she volunteered some of her free time to help at the Lytle Creek Community Center, which was built in the late

1940s by residents who wanted a place where their children could attend Sunday school.

Over the past 53 years, Treva has served as the Community Center's secretary, treasurer and as a member of the Board of Trustees. She also currently serves at the treasurer of the Lytle Creek Senior Center. She also serves as the community's volunteer elections inspector and works to support the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary.

Children in Lytle Creek ride on a bus for 30 minutes or more each way to get to schools in Rialto, and many aren't able to take part in afterschool extracurricular activities because of the distance between their homes and where they go to school, Treva said.

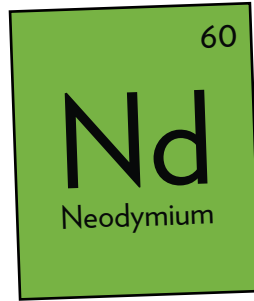
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2012 when it's running at full-steam. Molycorp plans to ramp that up to 40,000 metric tons by the end of 2013.

The Molycorp rare earths mine is vital to ending China's dominance in the world's rare earths market. Chinese officials have taken steps to reduce their country's exports of rare earths to America and elsewhere around the globe.

A shortage of these elements would have serious impacts on manufacturers and national defense, but thanks to the new mining operation in San Bernardino



County, that potential shortage and its economic impacts can be avoided.

I am hopeful that the County can capitalize on the mining of these rare earths by fostering jobs here that turn the raw products into consumer and defense goods. California's regulations do not make it easy for manufacturers to operate here, but we should seize this unique opportunity to change that and encourage the creation of even more jobs locally instead of just shipping everything out of state.

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As a county supervisor and steward of your tax dollars, I am concerned that these elements of justice are being lost in the government budget debates. Governor Brown has signed a law that would shift responsibility for certain state prison inmates back to counties. The idea is to save money since county jails are less expensive to operate than state prisons.

The problems with the plan are many. Unless counties get money from the state, we cannot afford to keep all of the state inmates plus the people we are already holding in county jails. There simply are not enough cells for, as my little boy says, "all the bad guys." Our Sheriff will have to decide which "bad guys" to let out so he can keep the worst "bad guys" in jail.

That is not justice. It does not serve our sense of making right what was done wrong. It does not give law-abiding citizens a sense of safety and well-being. It does not help the wayward become better prepared to be productive members of society. It does not give assurance that those

who are much more than wayward will be kept away from the rest of us.

We are no longer having the conversation about how we as a society achieve justice. We are simply playing a numbers game, shuffling around those who have been convicted of certain levels of crime, and changing our semantics to make it okay not to incarcerate those who commit other crimes.

As with so much of our public business, it is time to reclaim higher ground and move the discussion away from raw number-crunching and back to what we collectively intended it to be. We need a justice system that concerns itself with justice. We need to be—and feel—safe. We need people who are tempted or inclined to do bad things to be deterred from doing them. We need to punish those who do them anyway. And we need to provide a way for those who have done that to repair themselves if they are to rejoin society.

2nd District Trivia

Last Issue's Answer: Crestline was known as Crest City, Pine Mont, and Mormon Springs before officially being named Crestline in 1906. It was not known as Lake Gregory because the lake wasn't built until 1937.

Question: What is the meaning of the word "Cucamonga"?

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The Community Center helps fill that void by offering young people a variety of fun activities and programs, including Easter egg hunts, Halloween parties, Christmas celebration, and storytime readings right in their own community. The center also features a small library where children and others can check out books or use the library's Internet-connected computer.

Once a month, Community Center volunteers distribute nonperishable food items to needy residents, who would otherwise have to drive into the valley to access nonprofit food banks. The center also hosts a free monthly potluck where residents get together to discuss community issues.

Though she's one of the Community Center's longest serving members, Treva doesn't have any plans to stop volunteering there anytime soon.

"I'm 78 years old and retired," she said. "I've gotta have something to do."

The Lytle Creek Community Center wouldn't be possible without the continuous support of volunteers like Treva and other residents who organize bake sales, flea markets, craft fairs, and other events to raise money to pay the center's bills. These dedicated individuals reflect a true community spirit, and it's an honor to represent them as San Bernardino County's Second District Supervisor.

If you know a Second District resident who deserves to be recognized in this forum, I encourage you to send your contact information and a brief summary of why the person should be recognized to SupervisorRutherford@sbccounty.gov.

Upcoming Events

May 18, 2011	Crestline Connect will meet from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at Billy Bears Restaurant. This group meets every Wednesday at the same place and time.
May 19, 2011	The Inland Empire Small Business Development Center will host a free workshop to inform business owners about various loan opportunities from 9 a.m. to noon at the Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce office located at 7945 Vineyard Ave.
May 19, 2011	The Lewis Library and Technology Center hosts "Teen Game Night" from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays. Teens are invited to play a variety of video games.
May 21, 2011	The Upland Certified Farmers Market will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in downtown Upland. This event occurs every Saturday at the same time and place.
May 21, 2011	Helping Out Pets Every Days (H.O.P.E) and the City of Upland will host the 2011 Pet Adoption Faire from 9 a.m. to noon at Memorial Park located at 1100 Foothill Blvd. The event will feature a variety of pets for adoption as well as information about pet care.
May 21, 2011	Bring family, friends, a blanket, and a picnic dinner and enjoy a free performance by the Upland High School Choral Cabaret from 7 to 8 p.m. at Magnolia Park.
May 23, 2011	The Crestline Library hosts free yoga classes from noon to 1 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.
May 24, 2011	The Crestline Library hosts "Mother Goose on the Loose" – an interactive storytime for children up to three years old – on Tuesdays at 10:35 a.m.
May 26, 2011	The San Antonio Heights Association will meet at 7 p.m. at Life Bible Fellowship Church.
May 30, 2011	Memorial Day
June 2, 2011	The City of Fontana will host the 99th annual Fontana Days Festival at Veterans Park. This event takes place over the course of the weekend and includes the Fontana Days Run on Saturday, June 4.

Dates and times are subject to change without notice. Please contact Supervisor Rutherford's office at (909) 387-4833 if you have any questions or suggestions for the Events Calendar. You can view information about more local events on Supervisor Rutherford's home page at www.sbccounty.gov/rutherford.